

I claim:

1. A fowl retention system, comprising:

a protective structure, wherein a fowl uses the protective structure as a sanctuary and as a shelter;

a habitat strip disposed near the protective structure, wherein the fowl use the habitat strip for nesting; and

a station comprising a water supply, wherein the fowl establish a territory around the water supply, and utilize the protective structure and habitat strip such that they do not migrate to another location.

2. The fowl retention system according to claim 1, wherein the food items from the habitat strip are the primary source of food for the fowl.

3. The fowl retention system according to claim 1, wherein the fowl also utilize the habitat strip for cover.

4. The fowl retention system according to claim 1, wherein the protective structure comprises a rigid structure to withstand the perusal of a larger animal.

5. The fowl retention system according to claim 4, wherein the protective structure further comprises a raised floor suitable for use by the fowl.

6. The fowl retention system according to claim 5, wherein the protective structure further comprises a cover to provide security to the fowl.

7. The fowl retention system according to claim 6, wherein the protective structure further comprises a door of a size suitable for raking out the protective structure.

8. The fowl retention system according to claim 6, wherein the cover is a natural vegetative cover.

9. The fowl retention system according to claim 6, wherein the cover is of a man-made material.
10. The fowl retention system according to claim 1, wherein the habitat strip is a plowed and planted portion of earth.
11. The fowl retention system according to claim 10, wherein the habitat strip is planted with native grasses.
12. The fowl retention system according to claim 11, wherein the native grasses produce seeds at varying times of the year such that there is always a supply of food for the fowl.
13. The fowl retention system according to claim 1, wherein the station includes a barrier assembly to keep large animals away from the water supply.
14. The fowl retention system according to claim 13, wherein barrier assembly further comprises a door panel utilized by an operator during setup and maintenance.
15. The fowl retention system according to claim 14, wherein the barrier assembly permits entry of fowl therethrough and restricts entry of larger animals.
16. The fowl retention system according to claim 14, wherein the barrier assembly further comprises a roof panel to protect components located within the barrier assembly.
17. The fowl retention system according to claim 13, wherein the water supply is housed within the barrier assembly.
18. The fowl retention system according to claim 16, wherein the water supply is housed beneath the roof panel for protection from the elements.

19. The fowl retention system according to claim 1, wherein the water supply comprises:
a trough;
a storage tank containing a water; and
a float valve disposed on the trough and in fluid communication with the storage tank,
wherein water disposed in the storage tank flows through the float valve to the trough when the
water level in the trough is below the desired level, and further wherein the water does not flow
through the float valve when the water level in the trough is at or above the desired level, thereby
continuously maintaining the water level in the trough.
20. The fowl retention system according to claim 19, further comprising:
a stand to support the storage tank and keep the tank elevated above the trough.
21. The fowl retention system according to claim 19, wherein the trough further comprises a
ramp disposed in the trough, wherein the fowl that fall into the water exit the water by walking
up the ramp.
22. The fowl retention system according to claim 20, wherein the trough assembly is
cantilevered off the front end of the stand assembly such that insects cannot climb to the water in
the trough.
23. The fowl retention system according to claim 1, wherein the station further includes a
fowl feeding device.

24. The fowl retention system according to claim 23, wherein the fowl feeding device comprises:

a product tube, wherein the product tube accepts a food product at a first end;

a dispense cap coupled to a second end of the product tube, the dispense cap including dispense apertures, wherein the food product stored in the product tube is available through the dispense apertures; and

a dish coupled to the dispense cap, wherein food product exiting the dispense apertures and not consumed collects in the dish.

25. The fowl feeding device according to claim 24, wherein the food product that collects in the dish is available to the fowl for consumption.

26. The fowl feeding device according to claim 24, wherein the food product must be pecked out of the dispense apertures by the fowl.

27. The fowl feeding device according to claim 24, further comprising a cap coupled to the first end of the product tube to protect the food product from the environment.

28. The fowl feeding device according to claim 27, wherein the cap is removable, thereby providing the ability to refill the product tube.

29. The fowl feeding device according to claim 24, further comprising a shroud disposed on the product tube and above the dish to prevent water from falling into the dish.

30. The fowl feeding device according to claim 24, further comprising a shield, wherein the shield lines the dispense apertures, thereby preventing small animals from enlarging the dispense apertures and removing excess amounts of the food product.

31. The fowl feeding device according to claim 24, further comprising a landing disposed beneath the dish for use by the fowl in approaching the feeding device.

32. The fowl feeding device according to claim 24, wherein the dish includes drain holes to prevent liquids from accumulating in the dish.
33. The fowl feeding device according to claim 24, further comprising a hanger support used to suspend and stabilize the fowl feeding device within the barrier assembly.
34. The fowl feeding device according to claim 33, wherein the suspension height of the fowl feeding device is adjustable to accommodate non matured fowl.
35. The fowl feeding device according to claim 33, wherein the hanger support comprises a hanger that is adjustable.
36. The fowl feeding device according to claim 33, wherein the hanger support comprises a downturn segment for rotational stability.
37. The fowl feeding device according to claim 36, wherein the hanger support comprises tube stabilizers to prevent movement of the feeding device along the hanger support.
38. The fowl feeding device according to claim 33, wherein the suspension of the fowl feeding device prevents insects from accessing the feeding device and any stored product.

39. A method of establishing new colonies of fowl, comprising:
- a. providing a protected continuous water supply in a preselected fowl territory;
 - b. erecting a shelter for use by the fowl as a sanctuary; and
 - c. plowing and sowing a habitat strip to provide a source of seeds and cover for the fowl.
40. The method of establishing new colonies of fowl according to claim 39, further comprising:
- d. releasing new fowl within the preselected territory, such that they take up residence around the continuous water supply.
41. The method of establishing new colonies of fowl according to claim 40, further comprising:
- e. protecting the food and water supplies with a barrier assembly.
42. The method of establishing new colonies of fowl according to claim 41, further comprising:
- f. creating new colonies within existing fowl populations.
43. The method of establishing new colonies of fowl according to claim 42, further comprising:
- g. providing a protected continuous supplemental food supply in the preselected fowl territory.

44. A method of increasing a fowl population in given area, comprising:
- a. compressing the size of a fowl territory by employing a fowl retention system;
- and
- b. locating multiple compressed fowl territories in close proximity, thereby increasing the fowl population per unit area.
45. The method according to claim 44, further comprising:
- c. propagating the high density fowl to further increase the quantity of fowl.
46. The method according to claim 44, wherein compressing comprises reducing the territory of a fowl to approximately ten acres.